ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

President: I have received notice of an adjournment motion from Mr. T. Krishna Pillai to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, *viz.*,

> "the serious situation that has been created in South Travancore due to the sudden fall in the number of State Transport Buses plying in the Trivandrum-Nagercoil route."

This is not a matter of urgent public importance as has been demonstrated by a series of interpellations and their answers on the floor of the House a few moments ago. Therefore, I rule it out of order.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

The Travancore Rubber Control Bill.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*): Sir, I move that the Travancore Rubber Control Bill as passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly be taken into consideration.

Sir, I may be permitted to explain briefly the principles contained in this Bill. The existing Rubber Control Act II of 1112 was found inadequate from various points of view. The export and import of rubber is at present controlled by notifications published under Section 18 of the Sea Customs Act. Experience has shown that the provisions of the Sea Customs Act are inadequate to meet the special necessities arising from transactions relating to rubber. It is also found that the existing Act does not declare the right of every estate owner to have a quota in the general allotment of rubber quota. The defect has led to some litigation. Therefore, it was found that a specific provision like that which is contained in the Indian Rubber Control Act has to be made in our Act also. It was also found that in view of the international agreement regarding allotment of new-planting rights the provisions of the existing act require modification. The Indian Rubber Control Act was also amended for this purpose. At present the Committee's actions are being questioned in the Civil Court. Government have felt that it was necessary to free the Committee altogether from litigation in our courts. But at the same time Government have found it necessary to exercise some sort of control over the actions of the Committee. Therefore, provisions have been made to the effect that appeal shall lie to Government against certain orders passed by the Committee. These are the main objects of the Bill. The Bill was published sometime back and it was being subjected to close and searching scrutiny by the Select Committee of the other Chamber. The Controller of the Indian Rubber Licensing Committee was also invited to take part in the deliberations and with

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